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My Lord.

I return your Lordship many thanks for the communication of your Letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I have not thought myself at Liberty to take a Copy of it without your Lordship's Permission, tho' if you see no objection to it, I should feel greatly obliged to you for allowing me to have one in my Possession, in order to be guided by it, in any Communication which I may be called upon to make to His Majesty of the Intentments which your Lordship stated to me on the part of His Royal Highness. The only Point in the Letter on which I feel any occasion to trouble you with any explanation on my part is that which relates to the Opinion I expressed respecting His Majesty's Intentions. I certainly meant to express my strong conviction that His Majesty had had no Intention of settling any Plan respecting Princess Charlotte without full communication with the Prince, and that it was His Majesty's earnest desire that the Plan should be formed with the Prince's entire concurrence, but I did not  
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to convey an opinion that supposing such a Plan should unfortunately not be formed by joint Consent, the King would in no Case take any step without the Prince's concurrence. As I am not quite sure whether the general words in which your Lordship states the assurance might not be construed to go in this respect beyond what I had intended, I am sure you will allow me to request you to add this explanation, in order to obviate any possible misapprehension on so delicate a Subject.

I have the Honor to be,  
 With great Respect, My Lord,  
 Your Lordship's  
 Most obedient & most humble Servant

(Signed)

W. Pitt